

Alder Thuy's Fall Newsletter (2009)

Summer is coming to an end and families are getting children ready for "Back to School". Please be patient with the S. Midvale Boulevard Resurfacing Project now in full swing and is scheduled to be completed by Halloween. It's great that Wis. Department of Transportation has committed to repainting lane markings at the same time as it certainly will improve traffic safety in our area.

Madison has committed millions of stimulus money to purchasing 14 hybrid buses for Metro Transit. This should enhance services in both scheduling & routing.

I will continue to push for stimulus funds to be channeled toward projects that create jobs, especially at the entry level, for the many limited income residents within District 20.

Between now and November City Council is gearing up for its biggest challenge: wrapping up a very difficult 2010 Budget.

Impacted by the current recession, many of us have been tightening belts as we face an unknown future while experiencing income decreases. Until an economic turnaround occurs we must be fiscally conservative and take care of our needs, while delaying our wants. The City must also exercise restraint and not tax Madisonians out of their homes. I ask you to participate in Budget Public Hearings, pay close attention to details as they are being presented and let me know your opinions/suggestions on these very important issues. I truly appreciate all constituents' input and will use them for guidance during upcoming Council Budget debates.

The violent homicide right in our District this summer has triggered serious safety concerns among many area residents. Although quite saddened for the untimely loss of such a young life I am thankful to see friends & neighbors actively join Neighborhood Watches and work together in several avenues to take back our community. Our joint efforts and commitments will strengthen our District as we continue to hold the Mayor to the many promises he made in the immediate aftermath of that tragic murder. I will continue to support basic City services. With the last recent group of new graduates MPD has the total 30 additional officers allocated in the 2008 Budget. Although crime data showed an overall citywide decrease, the sharp increase of calls for services to the West Police District proves a serious need for resources to be allocated to the Southwest to maintain the safety & quality of life in our area.

My best wishes to you & your family for a very successful new school year. Please continue to stay in close touch.

Warmly,

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